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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Alameda, CA
December 21, 2000

Sir:

Applicants hereby respectfully petition for a one month extension of time to file a response to the Office Action of August 28, 2000. This petition is for a first extension of time originally set for response, that is November 28, 2000. With the granting of this request, the time for response is December 28, 2000.

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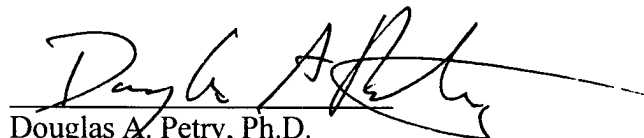
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Respectfully submitted,



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